

Who Wrote the Book of Love?

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Quite a number of years ago, there was a song that began, “Wonder, wonder, wonder...who wrote the Book of Love?” The song continues on about the various chapters representing stages in a relationship including breaking up and making up. It is a song that continues to enjoy popularity today, thanks to “oldies” radio stations.

If you think about it, Love is the most common theme of songs, books and movies. It is even a factor in the John Wayne movie, “The Fighting Seabees.” In fact, it is hard to find any movie that doesn’t involve love to one extent or another.

With all of the books on love, movies and songs about it, why do we not have a definitive work on the subject? In all of the history of mankind, there still is not an all-encompassing definition of love. With all of the things written, sung and said about love, we still haven’t exhausted all there is to say about it.

The reality is, that love is so great and such a driving force, that it includes all that has been articulated on it and more. Each thing we can say about love touches on some aspect of it, but does not cover it completely. So why can’t we explain it fully? I think I have finally figured out why. The answer lies in a children’s song that I learned in Sunday School when I was very young. One line in the song says, “God is love, God is love.”

That is exactly the reason we cannot fully define what love is. God is love and we cannot fully define who and what God is. God is infinite. Because He is infinite we cannot completely explain everything about Him. Our most extensive libraries do not exhaust all there is to know about God. If anything, they don’t even begin to touch on the subject. He is so great that we cannot know Him fully. The best we can hope for is simply to experience Him.

The same is true about love. We can’t see it or define it, but when we encounter it, we know it. Those who have experienced love know that words can never adequately express what we feel. We try to express it in poetry, song or research, but we can’t ever fully say what we feel. Most people would probably agree that it is better to experience love than to simply read about it. In fact, the best way to really understand it is to experience it. Once we experience love, the things we read and hear have deeper meaning.

If you really want to experience love to the fullest, you should experience God. The love between a man and a woman is the closest thing on earth that we have that resembles the love that God has for us. But when we experience a relationship with Him, it deepens our loving relationships for other people. In other words, when we deepen our relationship with God, it deepens our understanding of and capacity for love. As love within us grows, it deepens the love we have for others.

So, in short, the answer to the question of “who wrote the book of love?” is that God did. But better than just reading the book, it is to experience it for yourself. Then, you will have a greater understanding of the book when you do read it. And in the process, have a happy Valentine’s Day!

Semper Fi in the Lord and I hope to see you in Church on Sunday.